

Section 1110 - Storm Water Drainage Utility; Charges

1110.01 Storm Water Drainage Utility Established. The municipal storm sewer system shall be operated as a public utility pursuant to M.S. 444.075 from which revenues will be derived subject to the provisions of this Section and State Law. The storm water drainage utility will be part of the Public Works Department and under the administration of the Engineer.

1110.02 Definitions. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words or phrases have the meanings given in this Subdivision.

A. **Lot.** The basic development unit for purposes of Section 850 of this Code. A lot may consist of one parcel or two or more adjoining parcels under single ownership or control and used for a principal use permitted by this Code.

B. **Residential Equivalent Factor, (REF).** One REF is defined as the ratio of the average volume of runoff generated by one acre of a land use to the average volume of runoff generated by one acre of typical single family residential land, during a standard one year rainfall event, all as determined by the Engineer.

1110.03 Storm Water Drainage Charges.

Subd. 1 **Lots other than Single Dwelling Unit and Double Dwelling Unit Lots.** Storm water drainage charges for a lot except those used for single dwelling unit and double dwelling unit purposes shall be determined by multiplying the REF for the lot as set out in Subd. 1 of Subsection 1110.04 by the lot's area as measured in acres and then multiplying the resulting product by the REF rate established by Section 185 of this Code.

Subd. 2 **Single Dwelling Unit and Double Dwelling Unit Lots.** The storm water drainage charges for lots occupied by single dwelling unit and double dwelling unit buildings shall be as set forth in Section 185 of this Code.

1110.04 REF

Subd. 1 **REF Established.** The REF for each land use is as follows:

Single and Double Family	1.00
Residential uses except single dwelling unit and double dwelling unit buildings	8.0
Commercial/Institutional	13.5
Schools in the R-1 District pursuant to Section 850 of this Code	3.0
Churches	8.0

Parks	.75
Golf courses	.75
Cemeteries	.75
Industrial	13.5
Hospital	12.0

Subd. 2 **Adjustments to REF.** The Council may adopt policies recommended by the Engineer for adjustment of the REF for lots based upon hydrologic data to be supplied by property owners, which data demonstrates a hydrologic response substantially different from the standards used by City to establish the REF. Adjustments to a REF shall not retroactively reduce storm water drainage charges.

1110.05 Billing and Payment. Storm water drainage charges shall be computed and billed every three months and included as a charge on bills issued by the City for water or sewer services pursuant to Section 1100 of this Code. If the lot subject to the storm water drainage charge is not served by City water or sewer, a separate bill shall issued every three months for the storm sewer drainage charge. All provisions for the billing, payment, notice, and collection of delinquent accounts pursuant to Subsections 1100.04 and 1100.05 shall apply to charges made pursuant to this Section.

1110.06 Exemptions. The following land uses are exempt from storm water drainage fees.

- A. Public rights-of-way.
- B. Vacant, unimproved land.
- C. City parks, except City-owned golf courses.

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Reference: M.S. 444.075

Cross Reference: Sections 185, 1100; Subsections 1100.04, 1100.05